

Governor Beshear's request for FEMA Public Assistance Approved

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Frankfort, KY: August 24, 2009 - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today that Public Assistance has been added to the Presidential Disaster that was awarded earlier this month due to the severe storms and flooding that struck Jefferson and Trimble Counties on August 4th.

Upon learning that Public Assistance had been made available, Kentucky Governor Beshear said, "This is the second major disaster to impact these counties this year alone. As a result, the quick and comprehensive response by federal and state governments - working in partnership with local governments - is critically important. This assistance represents that sense of collaboration and partnership."

The Public Assistance Program makes federal aid available to reimburse and supplement state and local recovery efforts in areas recently affected by the severe storms and flooding. This action provides public assistance to government and eligible non-profit organizations in Jefferson and Trimble Counties.

"The Public Assistance Program will help repair or replace damaged public roads, buildings and utilities as well as cover a portion of the cost of debris clean-up and disaster-related emergency services," said Brig. Gen. John W. Heltzel, Director of Kentucky Division of Emergency Management.

Federal funding for the repair or replacement of public facilities damaged by severe storms and flooding is available to eligible local governments on a cost-sharing basis.

For more information pertaining to this disaster and the FEMA Public Assistance Program, please visit www.kyem.ky.gov .

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